

REMARKS

1. The Office Action has rejected Claims 1 - 20 under the provisions of the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 - 18 of Applicants' U. S. Patent No. 6,467,708. The Office Action states that the conflicting claims are not identical, but are not patentably distinct from one another.

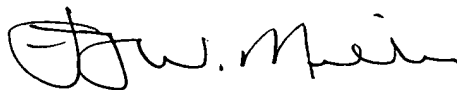
In response to this rejection, Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, signed by the attorney of record in this application, which overcomes the above double patenting rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this application be reconsidered and withdrawn.

2. In summary, no claims have been amended, added or canceled and Claims 1 - 20 remain in the application. Applicants believe that the claims are allowable based on the foregoing. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn and that all claims remaining in this case be allowed.

Pursuant to currently recommended Patent Office practice, the Examiner is expressly authorized to call Applicants' attorney, if in his judgment disposition of this application could be expedited or if he considers the case ready for final disposition by other than allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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